



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE
FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION AS PREMATURE

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INVENTION: "SPECIAL SERVICE MAILING ASSEMBLY WITH LABEL,
TRACKING AREA AND RECEIPT AND A METHOD FOR
PREPARING A MAILPIECE FOR DELIVERY"

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR/MADAM:

This Petition is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002. In the Office Action dated December 4, 2001, the Patent Office indicated that Claim 12 was objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response to this Office Action, Applicant added Claim 21 incorporating Claim 12 into Claim 21 as indicated to be allowable by the Patent Office.

In the Final Rejection dated July 2, 2002, the Patent Office rejected Claim 21. As a result, the Patent Office has made the first rejection of Claim 21 a Final Rejection after stating the claim would be allowable. Therefore, Applicant submits this Petition for the Withdrawal of the Finality of the Office Action as premature.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the costs of this Petition. If any additional fees are due or owing, Applicant authorizes the Patent Office to charge or credit Deposit Account

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No. 50-0595. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for this purpose.

Additionally, Applicant requests a refund of the \$130.00 fee for this Petition. More specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that this Petition is being submitted as a result of an error by the Patent Office and, therefore, Applicant is entitled to a refund of the fee.

If any issues remain, Applicant urges the Patent Office to telephone Applicant's attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

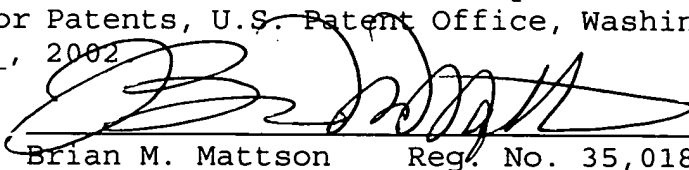


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I hereby certify that this Petition for the Withdrawal of the Finality of the Office Action and check in the amount of \$130.00 are being deposited as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Asst. Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent Office, Washington, D.C. 20231 on Oct 2, 2002



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